...y vpon the death of ROBERT DEVEREVX, late Earle of Eſſex, who was beheaded in the Tower of London, on Aſhwenſday in the Morning.

To the tune of welladay.

...is gon That firſt began the ſtrife,
And cauſed him to loſe his life,
...d grone And others did the like,
As well as hee.

Yet her Princely Maieſtie
graciouſly, graciouſly,
Hath pardon giuen free
to many of them:
...e hath releaſed them quite,
...n giuen them their right,
...oy may pray both day and night
God to defend her.

...oze, Vpon tueſday in the night,
welladay, welladay,
With a heauy harted ſpright
as it is ſayd:
...e to him ſtill The leiftenant of the Tower
...ntly, Who kept him in his power,
...e of ill, At ten a cloche that houre,
...ione: To him did come.
...oule fiend
...re hath end And ſayd vnto him there,
...obertues friend mournefully, mournfully
...t. My Lord you muſt prepare,
to die to morrow:
...walle Gods will be done quoth he,
...ntly: Yet ſhall you ſtrangely ſee,
...e was God ſtrong in me to be,
Though I am weake.

...o ſome, I pray you pray for me
...Queene, welladay, welladay,
...doute beene That God may ſtrengthen
againſt that houre:
...t home, Then ſtraightway did he call
...ntly, The Guard vnder the wall,
...was none, And did intreate them all
For him to pray.

...ine, For to morrow is the day,
...name welladay welladay,
...ame, That I the debt muſt pay,
which I doe owe:
...le. It is my life I meane,
vñ I muſt pay my Queene,
...aues, Euen ſo hath iuſtice giuen,
That I muſt doe.

In the morning was he brought
welladay welladay:
Where a Scaffold was ſet vp,
within the Tower:
...e, Many Lords were preſent then,
with other Gentlemen,
...nt, Which were appointed then
To ſee him dye.

You noble Lords quoth he
welladay welladay,
That muſt the witneſſe be,
of this my death:
know I never lou'd papiſtrie
But did it ſtill deſie,
And euer thus did dye,
Heere in this place.

I haue a ſinner been
welladay welladay:
Yet neuer wrong'd my Queene
in all my life,
My God I did offend,
which grieues me at my end,
May all the reſt amend,
I doe forgiue them.

To the ſtate I ne're ment ill
welladay, welladay,
neither wiſht ỹ commons ill,
in all my life:
But loued all with my heart,
And alwayes take their part
Whereas there was deſart,
In any place.

Then mildely did he traine
mournefully mournefully,
He might that fauour haue
priuate to pray:
He then prayed heartely,
And with great fervency,
To God that ſits on hie,
For to receiue him.

And then he prayed againe
mournfully mournfully,
God to preſerue his Queene
from all her foes:
And ſend her long to raigne,
Time Iuſtice to maintaine,
And not to let proude Spaine,
Once to offend her.

His gowne he ſlipt of then
welladay welladay,
And put off his hat and band
and hung it by,
Praying ſtill continually,
To God that ſits on hie,
That he might patiently,
There ſuffer death.

My headeſman that muſt be,
then ſaide he chearefullie,
Let him come heere to me,
That I may him ſee:
Who knæled to him then,
Art thou (quoth he) the man,
Which art appointed now,
my life to free:

Yes my Lord did he ſay
welladay, welladay,
Forgiue me I you pray
for this your death:
I heare doe thee forgiue,
And may true iuſtice liue,
No ſoule crime to forgiue,
Within their place.

then he knæled down againe,
mournefully mournfully,
And was required by ſome
there ſtanding by:
To forgiue his enemies,
Before death cloſde his eyes
which he did in heartie wiſe,
Thanking them for it.

That they would remember
welladay, welladay: (him
That he might forgiue al them,
that had him wrong'd: (teare
Now my Lords I take my
ſweet Chriſt my ſoule receiue
Now when you will prepare,
For I am readie.

He laid his head on the block
welladay welladay:
But his doublet did let the
ſome there did ſay: (ſtroke
what muſt be don (quoth he)
Shall be done preſently,
Then his doublet off put he,
and laid downe againe.

Then his headeſman did his
cruelly, cruelly. (part
He was neuer ſeene to ſtart,
For all the blowes:
His ſoule it is at reſt,
in heauen among the bleſt,
Where God ſend vs to reſt,
...n it ſhall pleaſe him.

Finnis.

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